

**1094-PS AMH APP HENR 033**

By Representative Chopp

**PSHB 1094** - H COMM AMD (TO H-1383.2/21)

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 372, line 23, increase the general fund-state  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2022 by \$225,000

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4 On page 372, line 24, increase the general fund-state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2023 by \$225,000

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7 On page 372, line 29, correct the total.

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9 On page 373, after line 31, insert the following:

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11 "(5)(a) \$225,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
12 fiscal year 2022 and \$225,000 of the general fund-state appropriation  
13 for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the board to contract  
14 with a statewide nonprofit organization with expertise in promoting  
15 and support science technology, engineering and math education from  
16 early learning through postsecondary education to establish a  
17 behavioral health workforce task force.

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19 (b) The task force shall include behavioral health advocates,  
20 foundations, non-profit organizations, educators, business and  
21 community leaders, representatives of Harborview's behavioral health  
22 institute, as well as participants in the children and youth  
23 behavioral health work group.

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25 (c) The task force shall help identify critical behavioral health  
26 workforce challenges, evaluate gaps and barriers, and develop policy  
27 and practice recommendations.

1       (d) The board and contract entity shall convene and staff the  
2 committee.

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4       (e) The task force shall provide a report containing an analysis  
5 of behavioral health workforce shortages and challenges, data to  
6 inform systems change, and relevant policy recommendations and  
7 solutions to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the  
8 office of the governor in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 by December 1,  
9 2021, and December 1, 2022. The report may include, but is not limited  
10 to, the current supply and demand of various behavioral health  
11 occupations (disaggregated by race and region) as well as ideal state  
12 supply and demand for these occupations; five-year projections of job  
13 openings to meet ideal state demand for behavioral health occupations;  
14 current career pathways or degree programs that provide credentials  
15 for each of the behavioral health occupations by region; and  
16 recommendations on how many programs need to be expanded or created by  
17 each region in the state to meet behavioral health needs now, and in  
18 future."

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EFFECT: Increases the Workforce Training Board appropriation by  
\$450,000 to establish a new behavioral health workforce task force.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$450,000.

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